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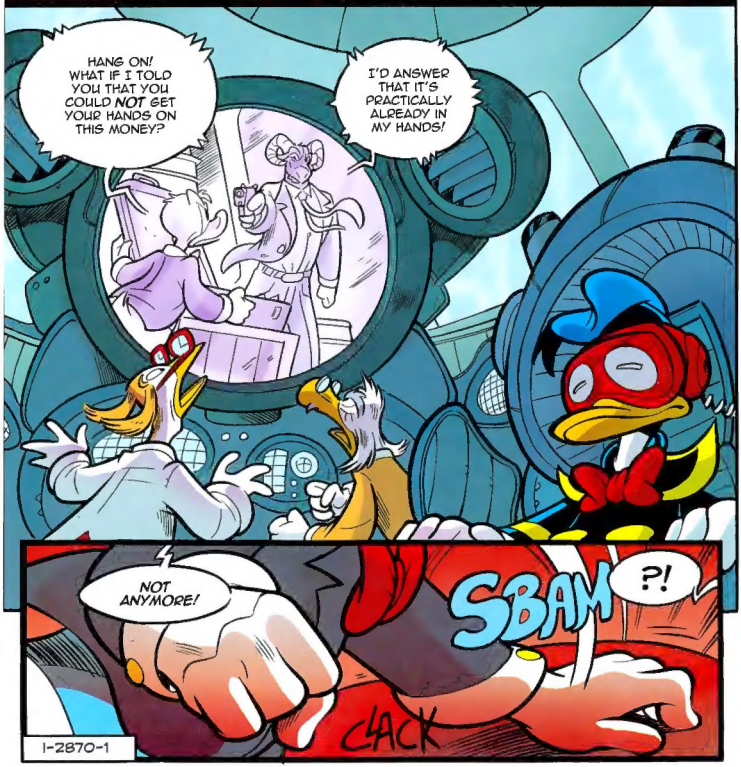
HANG ON! WHAT IF I TOLD YOU THAT YOU COULD NOT GET YOUR HANDS ON THIS MONEY?
I'D ANSWER THAT IT'S PRACTICALLY ALREADY IN MY HANDS!
NOT ANYMORE!
SBAM
?!
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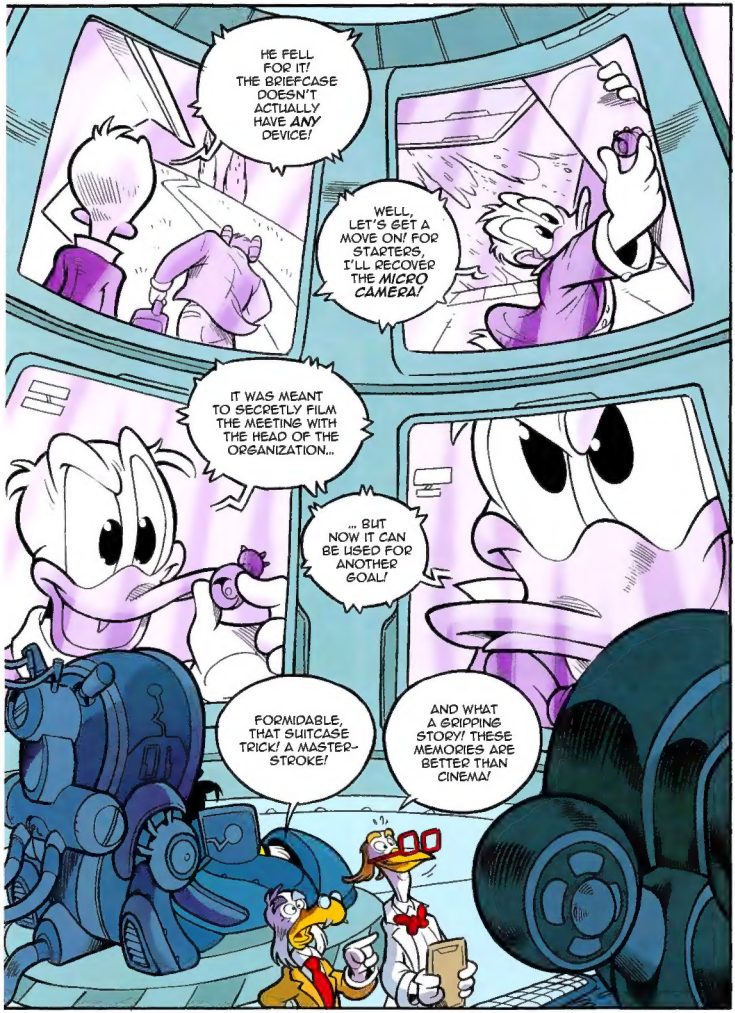
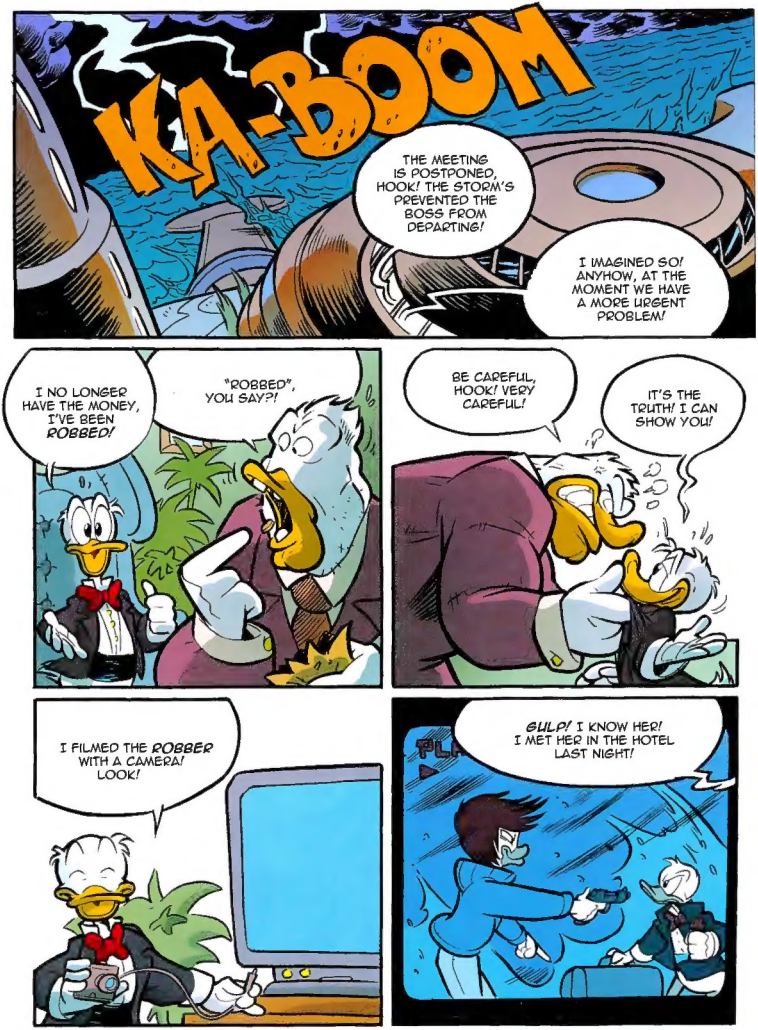
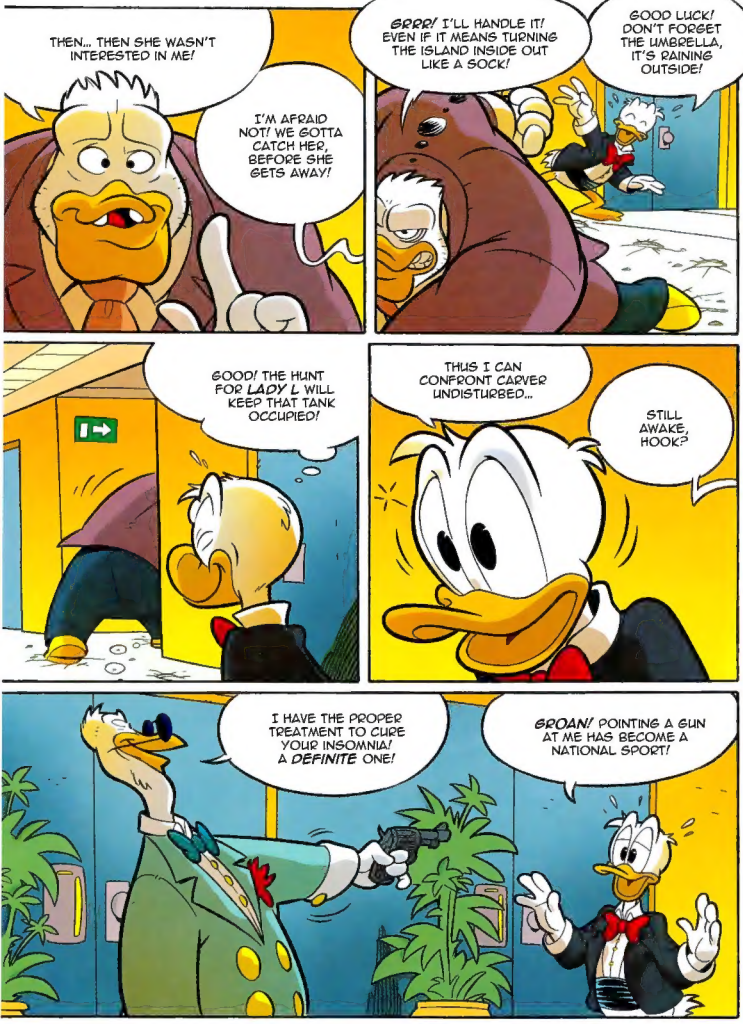
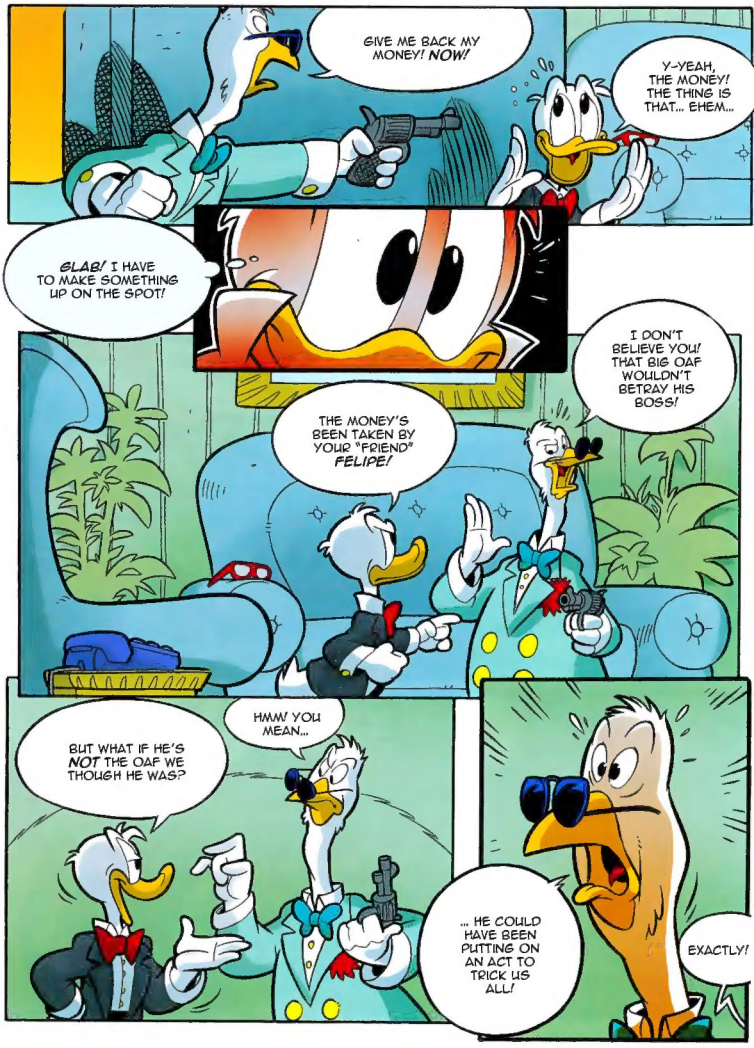
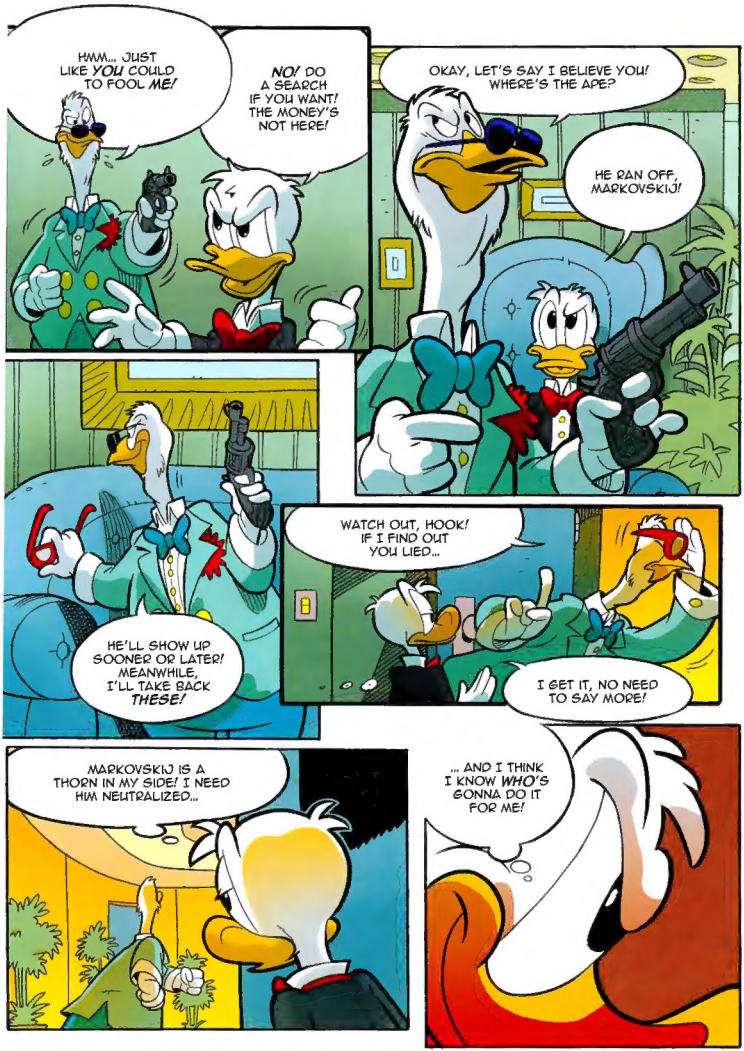
OH HO, WHAT A HURDLE! YOU THINK I'M INCAPABLE OF OPENING A BRIEFCASE?
YES, IF IT HAS A COMBINATION LOCK...
... WHICH IN CASE OF TAMPERING TRIGGERS A SELF-DESTRUCT DEVICE!
YOU'RE BLUFFING, DUCK!
MAYBE! MAYBE NOT! WANNA BET THIRTY MILLION?
GRRR! YOU WIN! HOW DO WE RESOLVE THIS?
YOU LET ME GO AND, WHEN I'M SAFE, I'LL REVEAL THE COMBINATION!
CALL ME TOMORROW AT THIS NUMBER!
ALRIGHT! AT TEN O'CLOCK!

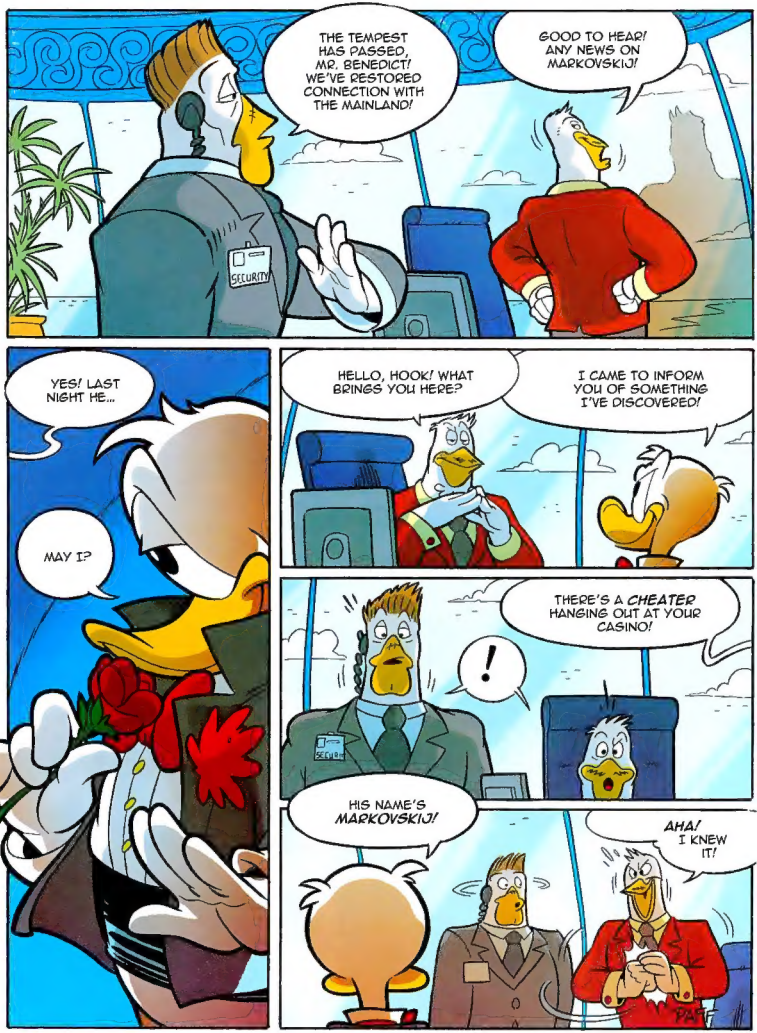

HE FELL FOR IT! THE BRIEFCASE DOESN'T ACTUALLY HAVE ANY DEVICE!
WELL, LET'S GET A MOVE ON! FOR STARTERS, I'LL RECOVER THE MICRO CAMERA!
IT WAS MEANT TO SECRETLY FILM THE MEETING WITH THE HEAD OF THE ORGANIZATION...
... BUT NOW IT CAN BE USED FOR ANOTHER GOAL!
FORMIDABLE, THAT SUITCASE TRICK! A MASTER-STROKE!
AND WHAT A GRIPPING STORY! THESE MEMORIES ARE BETTER THAN CINEMA!

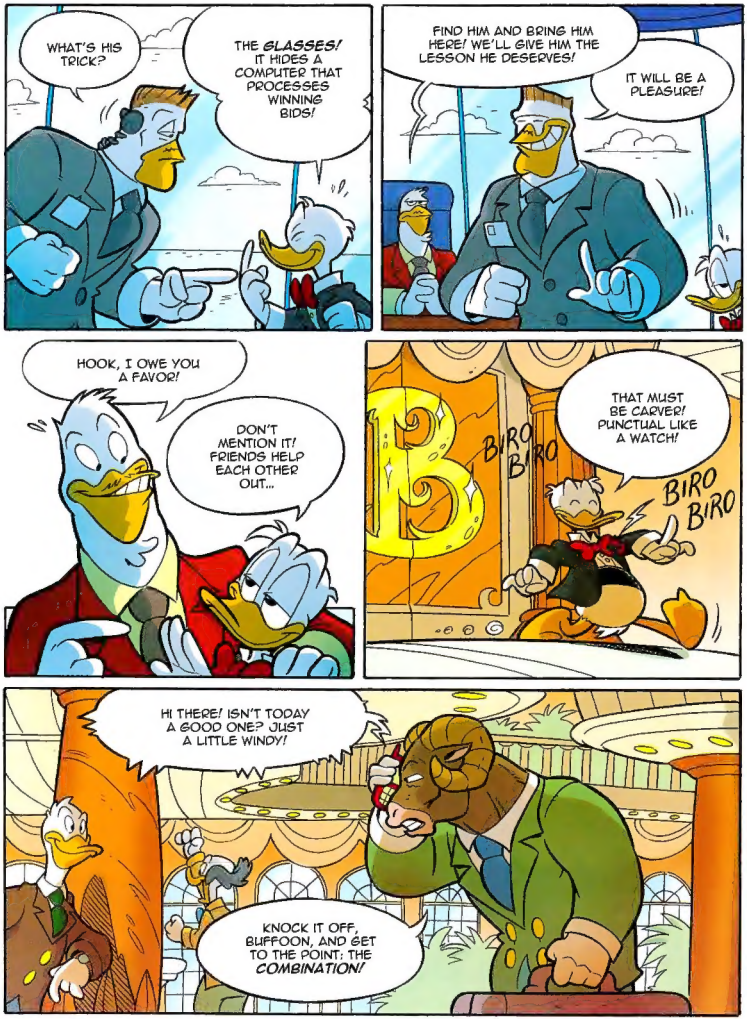

KA-BOOM
THE MEETING IS POSTPONED, HOOK! THE STORM'S PREVENTED THE BOSS FROM DEPARTING!
I IMAGINED SO! ANYHOW, AT THE MOMENT WE HAVE A MORE URGENT PROBLEM!
I NO LONGER HAVE THE MONEY, I'VE BEEN ROBBED!
"ROBBED", YOU SAY?!
BE CAREFUL, HOOK! VERY CAREFUL!
IT'S THE TRUTH! I CAN SHOW YOU!
I FILMED THE ROBBER WITH A CAMERA! LOOK!
GULP! I KNOW HER! I MET HER IN THE HOTEL LAST NIGHT!


THEN... THEN SHE WASN'T INTERESTED IN ME!
I'M AFRAID NOT! WE GOTTA CATCH HER, BEFORE SHE GETS AWAY!
GRRR! I'LL HANDLE IT! EVEN IF IT MEANS TURNING THE ISLAND INSIDE OUT LIKE A SOCK!
GOOD LUCK! DON'T FORGET THE UMBRELLA, IT'S RAINING OUTSIDE!
GOOD! THE HUNT FOR LADY L WILL KEEP THAT TANK OCCUPIED!
THUS I CAN CONFRONT CARVER UNDISTURBED...
STILL AWAKE, HOOK?
I HAVE THE PROPER TREATMENT TO CURE YOUR INSOMNIA! A DEFINITE ONE!
GROAN! POINTING A GUN AT ME HAS BECOME A NATIONAL SPORT!


GIVE ME BACK MY MONEY! NOW!
Y-YEAH, THE MONEY! THE THING IS THAT... EHEM...
GLAB! I HAVE TO MAKE SOMETHING UP ON THE SPOT!
I DON'T BELIEVE YOU! THAT BIG OAF WOULDN'T BETRAY HIS BOSS!
THE MONEY'S BEEN TAKEN BY YOUR "FRIEND" FELIPE!
HMM! YOU MEAN...
BUT WHAT IF HE'S NOT THE OAF WE THOUGH HE WAS?
... HE COULD HAVE BEEN PUTTING ON AN ACT TO TRICK US ALL!
EXACTLY!

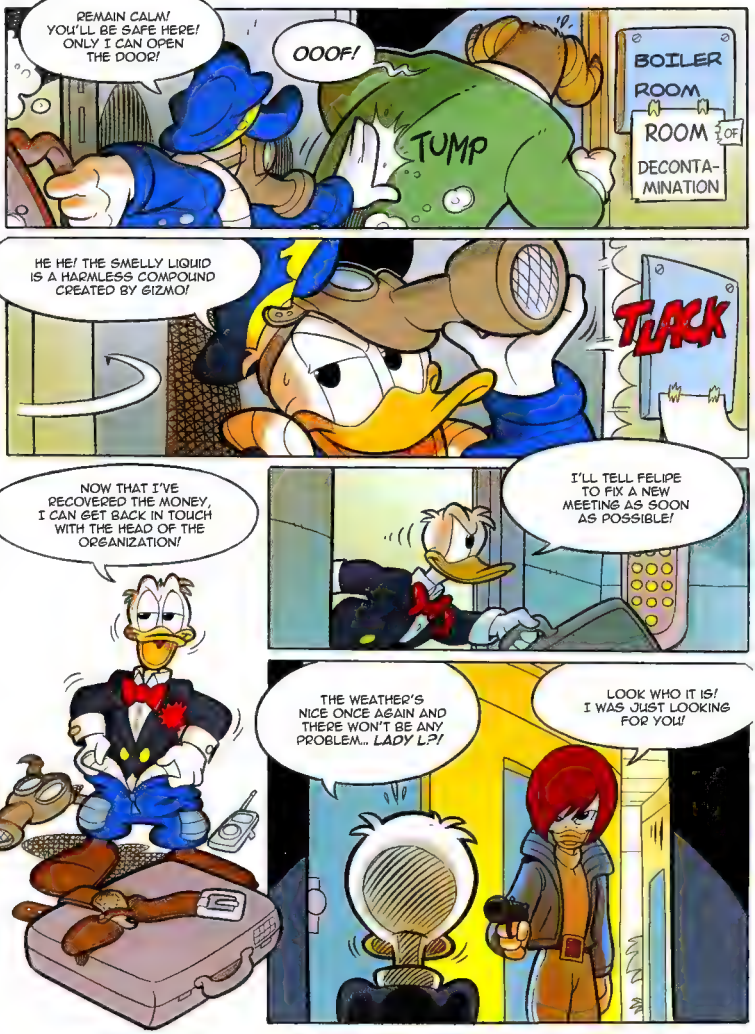

HMM... JUST LIKE YOU COULD TO FOOL ME!
NO! DO A SEARCH IF YOU WANT! THE MONEY'S NOT HERE!
OKAY, LET'S SAY I BELIEVE YOU! WHERE'S THE APE?
HE RAN OFF, MARKOVSKIJ!
HE'LL SHOW UP SOONER OR LATER! MEANWHILE, I'LL TAKE BACK THESE!
WATCH OUT, HOOK! IF I FIND OUT YOU LIED...
I GET IT, NO NEED TO SAY MORE!
MARKOVSKIJ IS A THORN IN MY SIDE! I NEED HIM NEUTRALIZED...
... AND I THINK I KNOW WHO'S GONNA DO IT FOR ME!

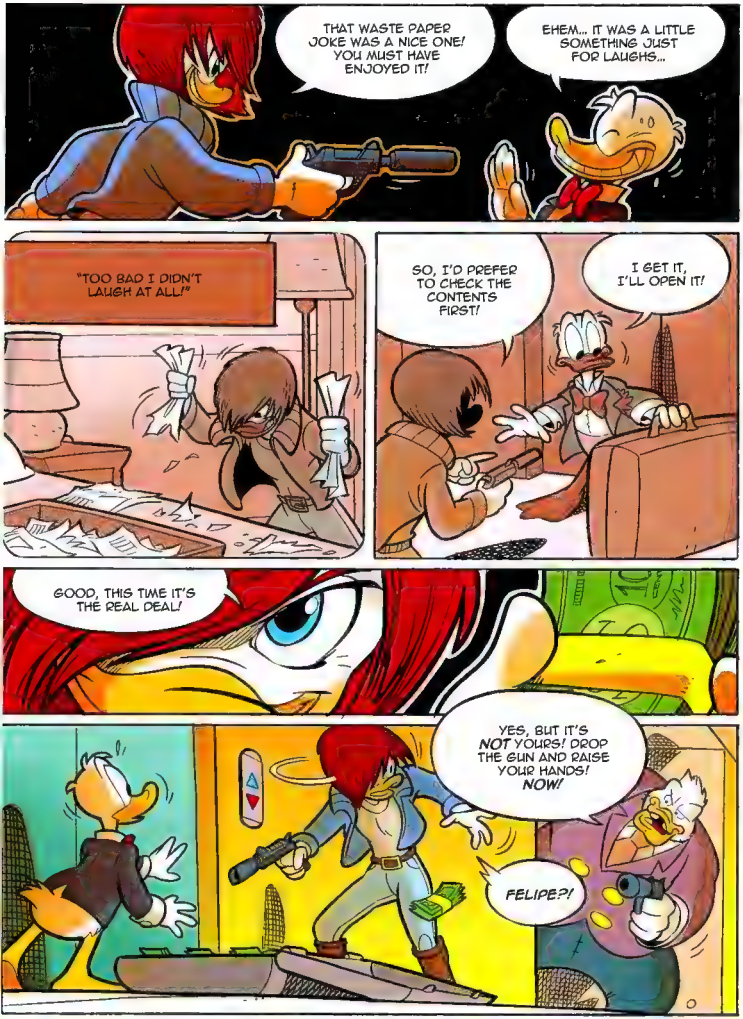

THE TEMPEST HAS PASSED, MR. BENEDICT! WE'VE RESTORED CONNECTION WITH THE MAINLAND!
GOOD TO HEAR! ANY NEWS ON MARKOVSKIJ!
SECURITY
YES! LAST NIGHT HE...
MAY I?
HELLO, HOOK! WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?
I CAME TO INFORM YOU OF SOMETHING I'VE DISCOVERED!
THERE'S A CHEATER HANGING OUT AT YOUR CASINO!
!
HIS NAME'S MARKOVSKIJ!
AHA! I KNEW IT!

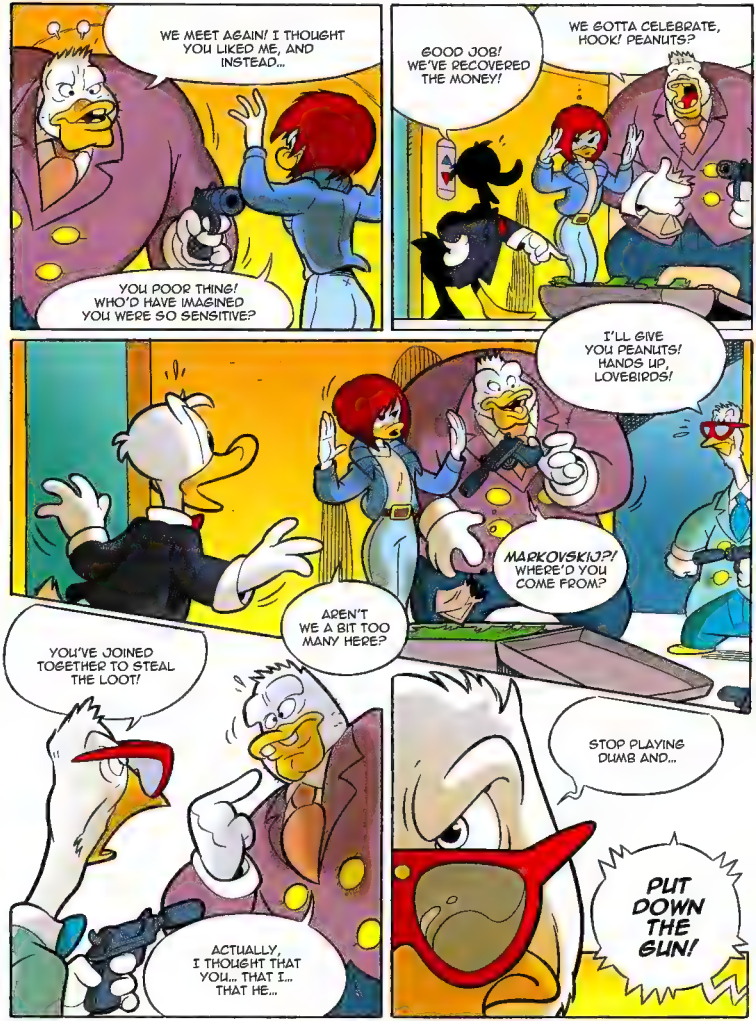

WHAT'S HIS TRICK?
THE GLASSES! IT HIDES A COMPUTER THAT PROCESSES WINNING BIDS!
FIND HIM AND BRING HIM HERE! WE'LL GIVE HIM THE LESSON HE DESERVES!
IT WILL BE A PLEASURE!
HOOK, I OWE YOU A FAVOR!
DON'T MENTION IT! FRIENDS HELP EACH OTHER OUT...
BIRO BIRO
THAT MUST BE CARVER! PUNCTUAL LIKE A WATCH!
BIRO BIRO
HI THERE! ISN'T TODAY A GOOD ONE? JUST A LITTLE WINDY!
KNOCK IT OFF, BUFFOON, AND GET TO THE POINT: THE COMBINATION!

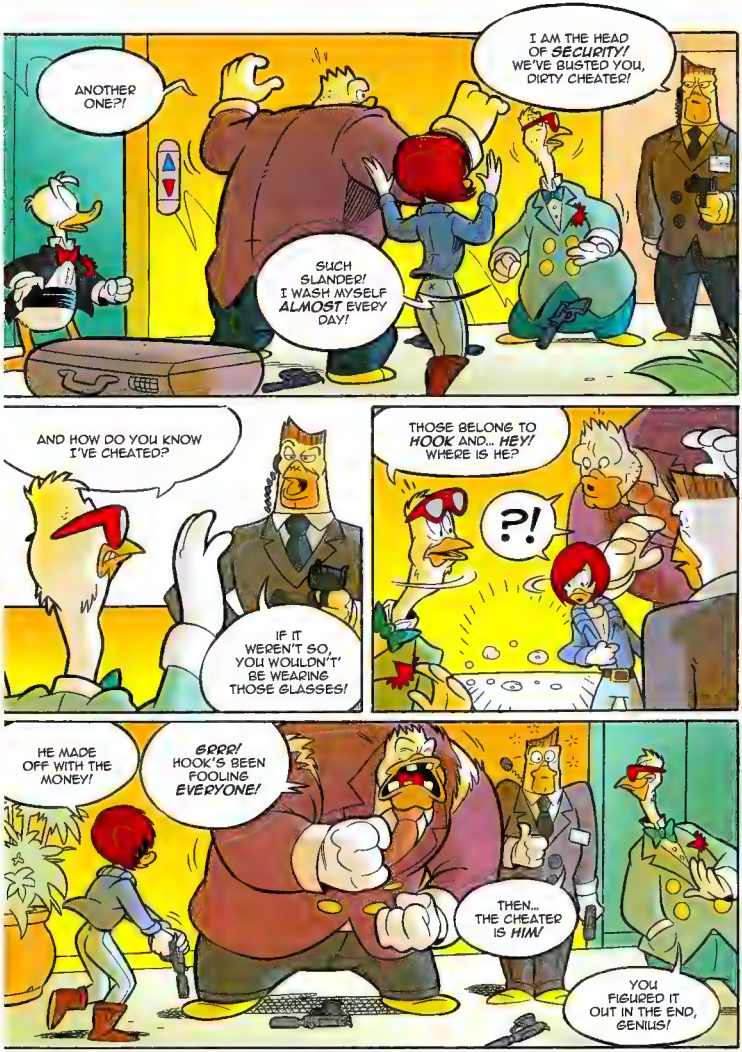
SORRY, I'M AFRAID I DON'T REMEMBER IT!
GRRR! NOW YOU'RE PUSHING IT!
CALM DOWN! I'VE WRITTEN IT ON A NOTE, WHICH YOU'LL FIND IN THE GYM OF THE HOTEL!
IN THE GYM WHERE?
"TAKE A LOOK AT THE SPINNING EQUIPMENT!"
PUFF! PANT!
GNIK GNIK
THERE'S THE NOTE! THE DUCK HAS REALIZED YOU SHOULDN'T JOKE WITH ME!
THREE ZEROES?! WHAT KIND OF COMBINATION IS THIS?
SECURITY! STOP WHERE YOU ARE!
GULP! WHAT'S GOING ON?

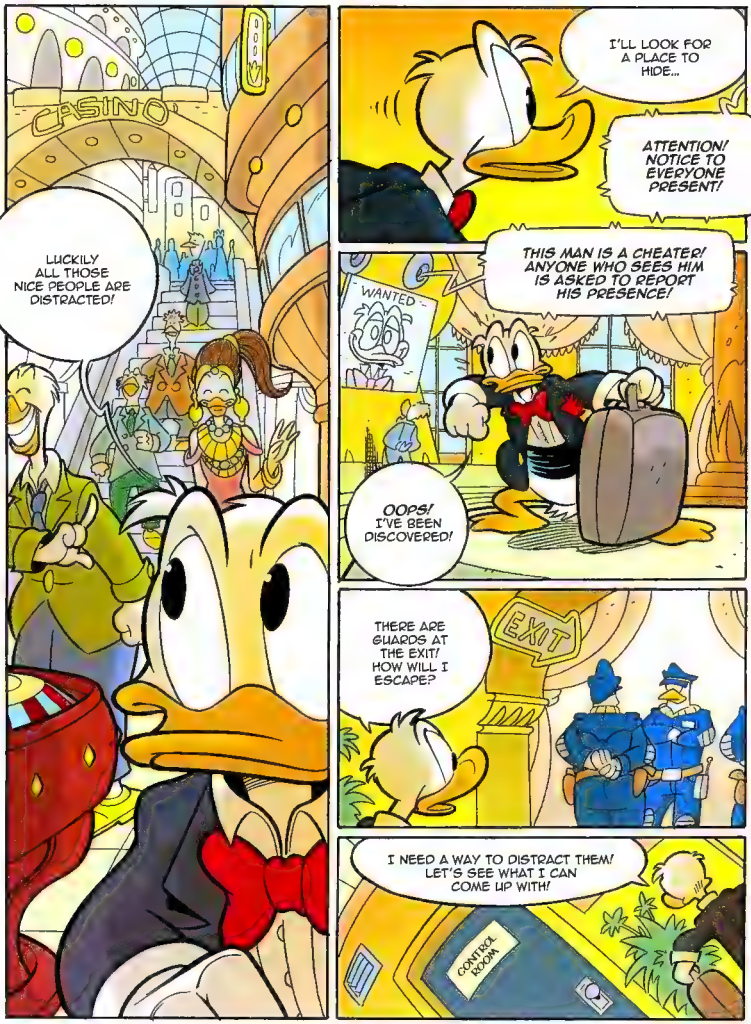
APPARENTLY SOMEONE INTENDS TO PLACE A BIOLOGICAL WEAPON IN THE CASINO!
SO WHAT? THERE'S ONLY CASH IN THE BRIEFCASE!
I HAVE ORDERS TO CHECK! OPEN IT!
SGRUNT! FINE!
BIP BIP BIP
ALL DONE! HAPPY?
EVERYTHING'S IN ORDER, YOU CAN JUST CLOSE IT!
CRASH
BLEAH! W-WHAT IS THIS STENCH?
ALARM! SOMEONE'S THROWN A STINK BOMB!
YOU'VE BEEN INFECTED! I HAVE TO IMMEDIATELY TRANSFER YOU TO THE ROOM OF DECONTAMINATION!
GLOM! IS IT DANGEROUS?


REMAIN CALM! YOU'LL BE SAFE HERE! ONLY I CAN OPEN THE DOOR!
OOOF!
TUMP
BOILER ROOM
ROOM 3 OF
DECONTA-MINATION
HE HE! THE SMELLY LIQUID IS A HARMLESS COMPOUND CREATED BY GIZMO!
TLACK
NOW THAT I'VE RECOVERED THE MONEY, I CAN GET BACK IN TOUCH WITH THE HEAD OF THE ORGANIZATION!
I'LL TELL FELIPE TO FIX A NEW MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
THE WEATHER'S NICE ONCE AGAIN AND THERE WON'T BE ANY PROBLEM... LADY L?!
LOOK WHO IT IS! I WAS JUST LOOKING FOR YOU!


THAT WASTE PAPER JOKE WAS A NICE ONE! YOU MUST HAVE ENJOYED IT!
EHEM... IT WAS A LITTLE SOMETHING JUST FOR LAUGHS...
"TOO BAD I DIDN'T LAUGH AT ALL!"
SO, I'D PREFER TO CHECK THE CONTENTS FIRST!
I GET IT, I'LL OPEN IT!
GOOD, THIS TIME IT'S THE REAL DEAL!
YES, BUT IT'S NOT YOURS! DROP THE GUN AND RAISE YOUR HANDS! NOW!
FELIPE?!


WE MEET AGAIN! I THOUGHT YOU LIKED ME, AND INSTEAD...
YOU POOR THING! WHO'D HAVE IMAGINED YOU WERE SO SENSITIVE?
GOOD JOB! WE'VE RECOVERED THE MONEY!
WE GOTTA CELEBRATE, HOOK! PEANUTS?
I'LL GIVE YOU PEANUTS! HANDS UP, LOVEBIRDS!
MARKOVSKIJ?! WHERE'D YOU COME FROM?
AREN'T WE A BIT TOO MANY HERE?
YOU'VE JOINED TOGETHER TO STEAL THE LOOT!
ACTUALLY, I THOUGHT THAT YOU... THAT I... THAT HE...
STOP PLAYING DUMB AND...
PUT DOWN THE GUN!

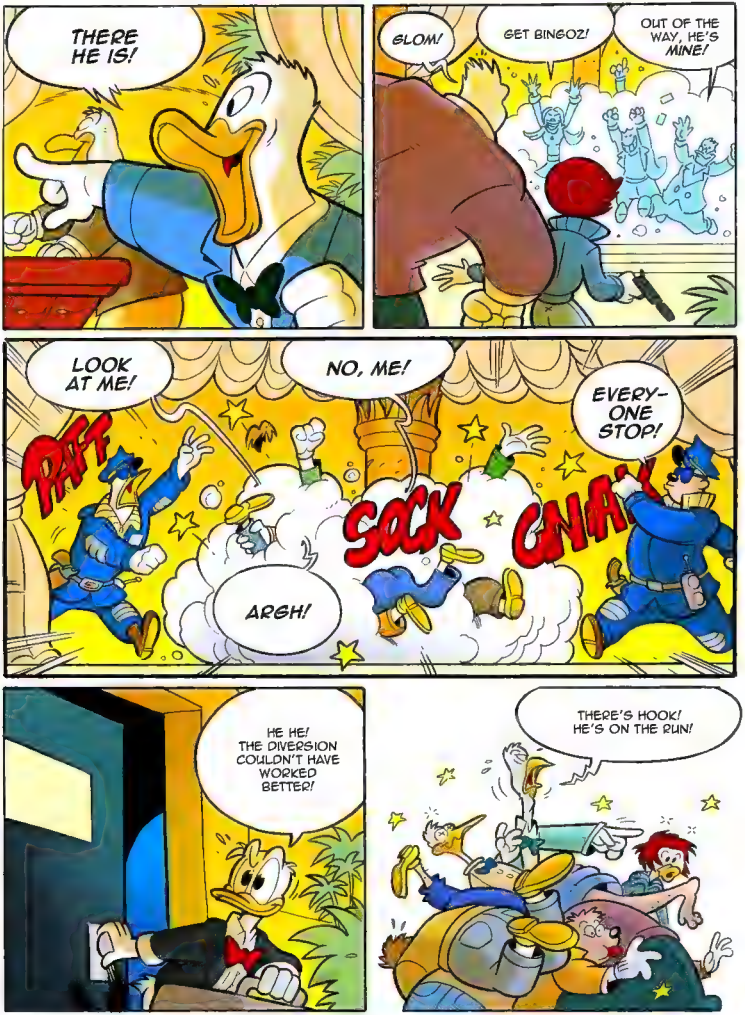

ANOTHER ONE?!
I AM THE HEAD OF SECURITY! WE'VE BUSTED YOU, DIRTY CHEATER!
SUCH SLANDER! I WASH MYSELF ALMOST EVERY DAY!
AND HOW DO YOU KNOW I'VE CHEATED?
IF IT WEREN'T SO, YOU WOULDN'T BE WEARING THOSE GLASSES!
THOSE BELONG TO HOOK AND... HEY! WHERE IS HE?
?!
HE MADE OFF WITH THE MONEY!
GRRR! HOOK'S BEEN FOOLING EVERYONE!
THEN... THE CHEATER IS HIM!
YOU FIGURED IT OUT IN THE END, GENIUS!


CASINO
LUCKILY ALL THOSE NICE PEOPLE ARE DISTRACTED!
I'LL LOOK FOR A PLACE TO HIDE...
ATTENTION! NOTICE TO EVERYONE PRESENT!
WANTED
THIS MAN IS A CHEATER! ANYONE WHO SEES HIM IS ASKED TO REPORT HIS PRESENCE!
OOPS! I'VE BEEN DISCOVERED!
EXIT
THERE ARE GUARDS AT THE EXIT! HOW WILL I ESCAPE?
I NEED A WAY TO DISTRACT THEM! LET'S SEE WHAT I CAN COME UP WITH!
CONTROL ROOM

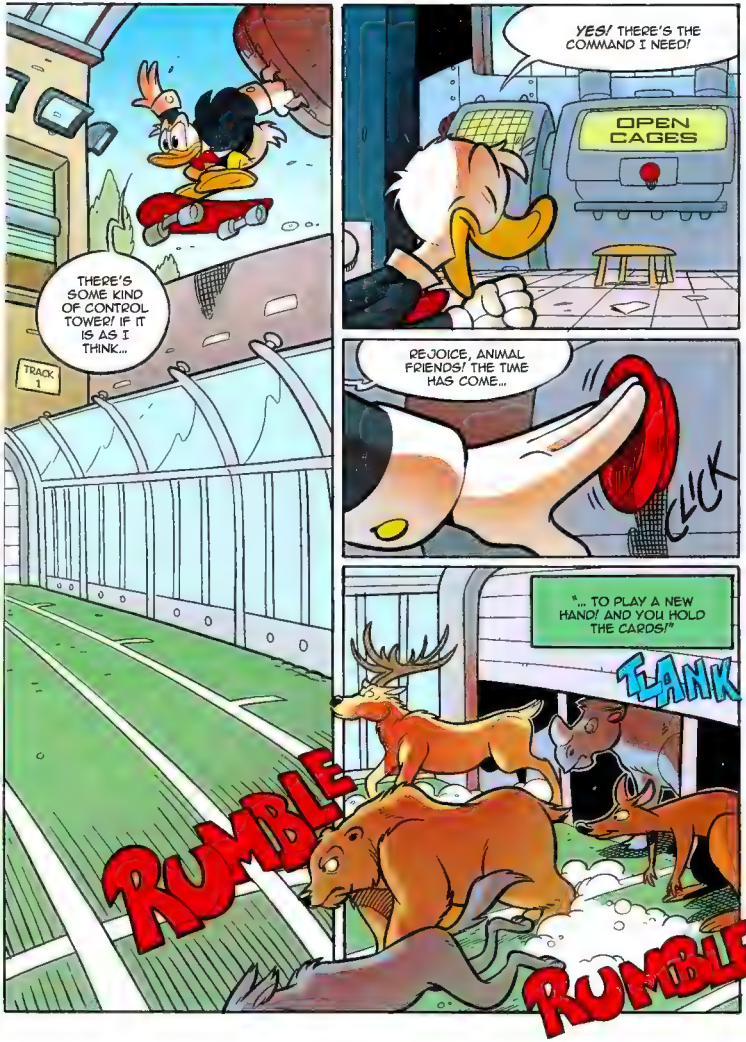
EYES OPEN! HOOK COULD BE HIDING IN THE HALL!
WE HAVE CAMERAS EVERYWHERE! WE'LL FIND HIM!
TUMP TUMP
HEY! WHAT...
LOOK OUT... GASP!
SSS
SHH
SSSHI

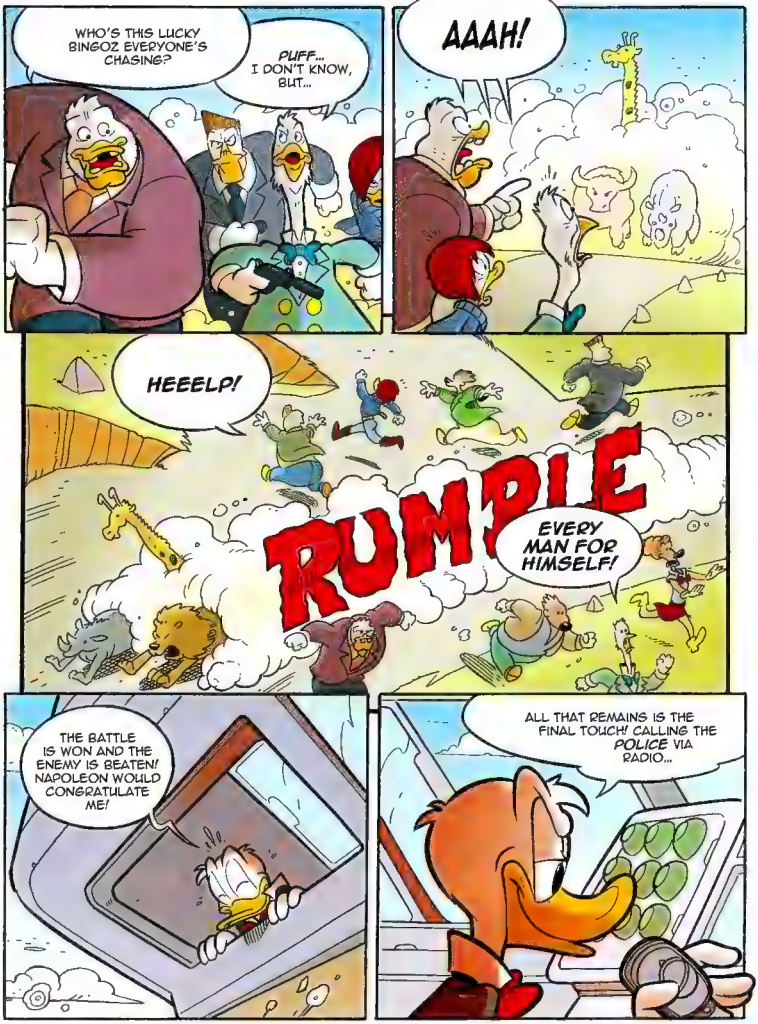
THE SOPORIFIC GAS HAS IMMEDIATE EFFECT! THEY'RE SLEEPING LIKE LITTLE ANGELS!
WHAT NICE EQUIPMENT! THAT'S ALL I NEED...

"... TO MANUFACTURE A PLEASANT ANNOUNCEMENT!"
WE HAVE AMONG US LUCKY BINGOZ, THE MOST FORTUNATE PLAYER OF ALL TIME!
WOW! REALLY?
I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM! WHAT DOES HE LOOK LIKE?
TAKE A GOOD LOOK! WHOEVER MAKES EYE CONTACT WITH HIM WILL BE SMITTEN BY HIS FORTUNE!
WOW! I COULD USE SOME GOOD LUCK!
WHERE IS HE? WHERE IS HE?
I'LL TAKE CARE OF HOOK!
NO, MARKOVSKIJ! I GOT DIBS!
IT'S ALWAYS LADIES FIRST!
WE'RE IN A CASINO, WE'LL DRAW LOTS!

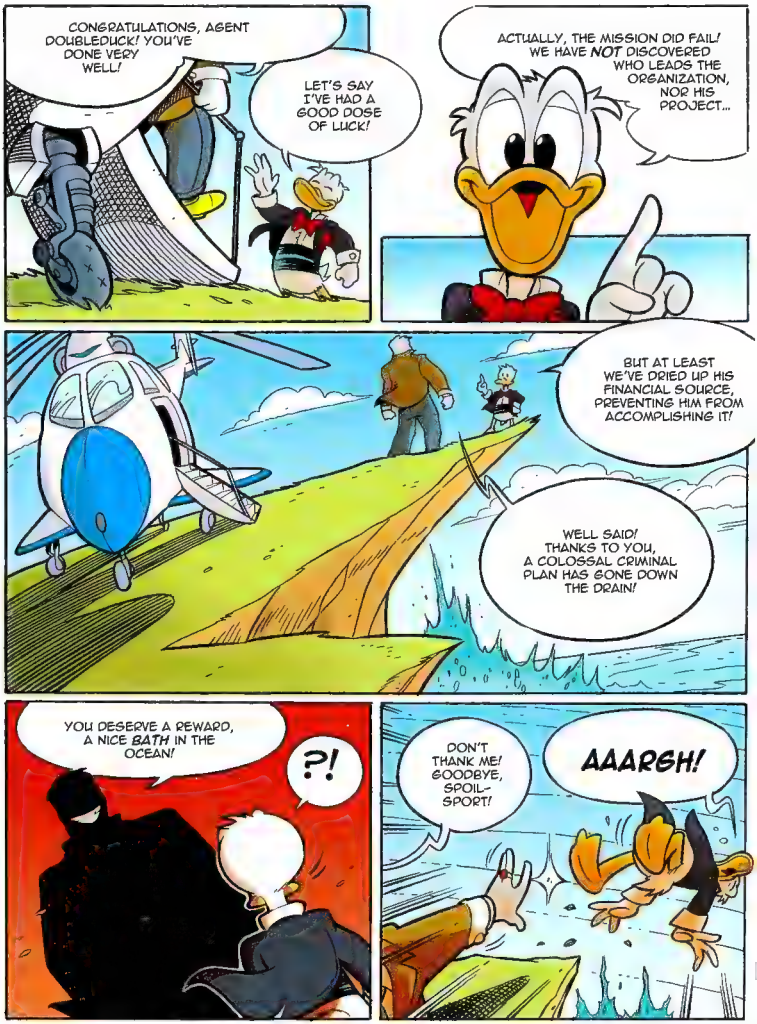

THERE HE IS!
GLOM!
GET BINGO!
OUT OF THE WAY, HE'S MINE!
LOOK AT ME!
NO, ME!
EVERY-ONE STOP!
PAFF
SOCK
ARGH!
HE HE! THE DIVERSION COULDN'T HAVE WORKED BETTER!
THERE'S HOOK! HE'S ON THE RUN!

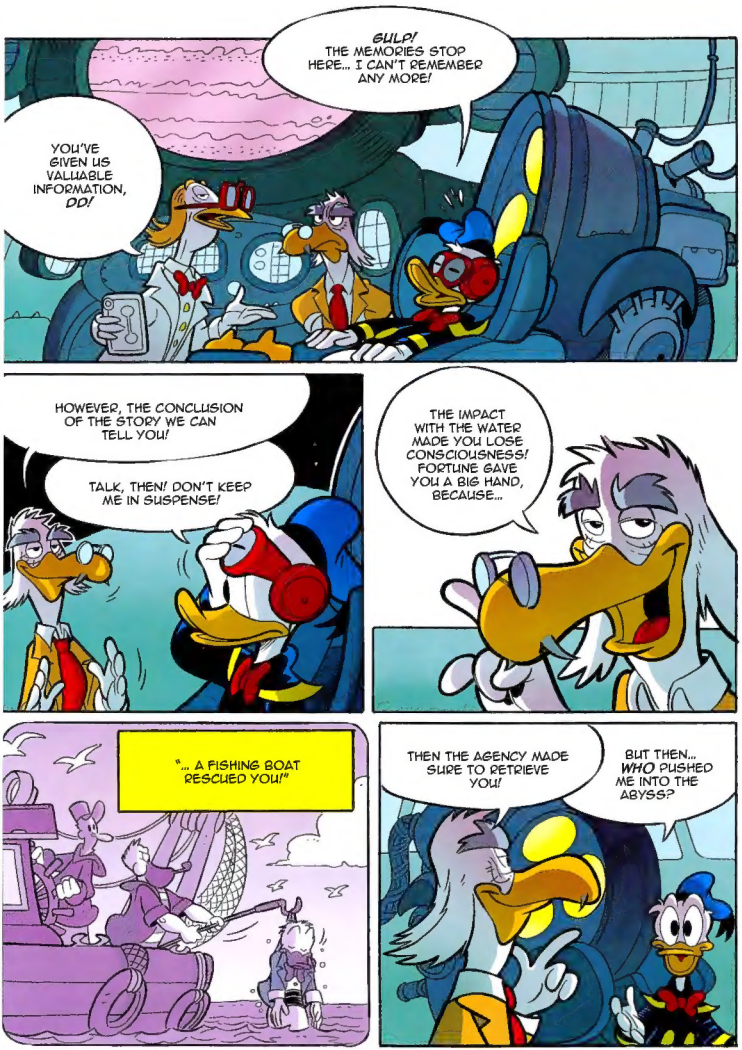
AFTER HIM, QUICK!
I GUESS IT'S TIME TO PICK UP THE SPEED!
AND I HAVE THE PERFECT WAY TO DO IT!
FRUSH
STOP, BINGO2!
LET ME LOOK AT YOU!
GIVE IT UP, HOOK! YOU CAN'T ESCAPE!
I HAVE THE ENTIRE CASINO AT MY HEELS! WHICH WAY DO I GO NOW?
MINIGOLF
RACE TRACK
I'LL TRY THIS ONE! I'VE GOT AN IDEA!

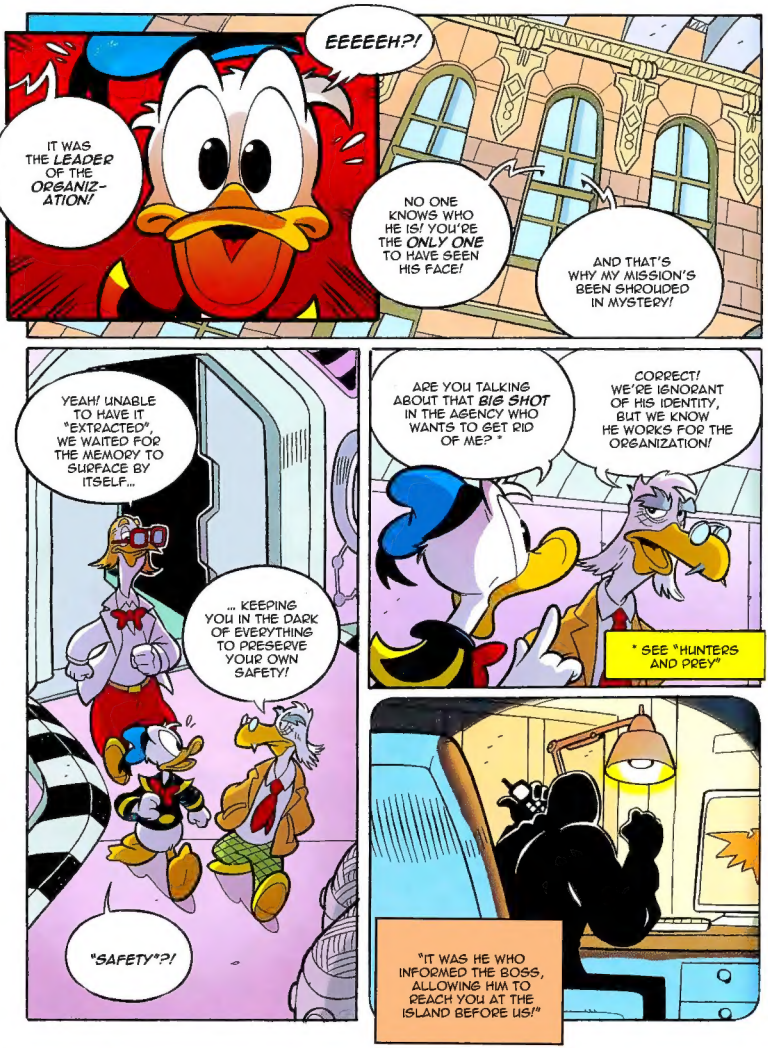

THERE'S SOME KIND OF CONTROL TOWER! IF IT IS AS I THINK...
TRACK 1
YES! THERE'S THE COMMAND I NEED!
OPEN CAGES
REJOICE, ANIMAL FRIENDS! THE TIME HAS COME...
CLICK
"... TO PLAY A NEW HAND! AND YOU HOLD THE CARDS!"
CLANK
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

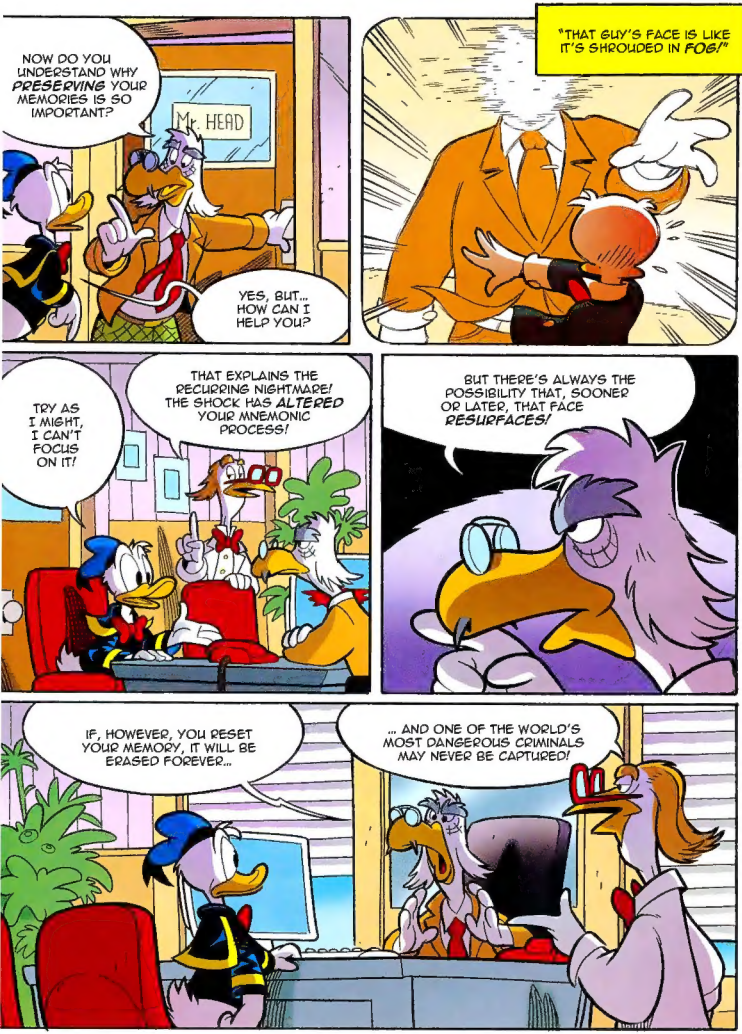

WHO'S THIS LUCKY BINGOZ EVERYONE'S CHASING?
PUFF... I DON'T KNOW, BUT...
AAAH!
HEEELP!
RUMPLE
EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF!
THE BATTLE IS WON AND THE ENEMY IS BEATEN! NAPOLEON WOULD CONGRATULATE ME!
ALL THAT REMAINS IS THE FINAL TOUCH! CALLING THE POLICE VIA RADIO...

"... AND GIVE THEM THE COORDINATES TO GET HERE!"
SOB! MY ISLAND... MY CASINO... ALL LOST!
CHEER UP, BENEDICT! YOU'VE WON A VERY LONG VACATION AT STATE EXPENSE!
OPERATION CONCLUDED! THE VILLAINS WILL RECEIVE PROPER PUNISHMENT FOR THEIR WRONGDOINGS!
AND THERE'S THE HELICOPTER THE AGENCY SENT TO PICK ME UP! FINALLY I CAN RETURN HOME!
TOW TOW TOW TOW


CONGRATULATIONS, AGENT DOUBLEDUCK! YOU'VE DONE VERY WELL!
LET'S SAY I'VE HAD A GOOD DOSE OF LUCK!
ACTUALLY, THE MISSION DID FAIL! WE HAVE NOT DISCOVERED WHO LEADS THE ORGANIZATION, NOR HIS PROJECT...
BUT AT LEAST WE'VE DRIED UP HIS FINANCIAL SOURCE, PREVENTING HIM FROM ACCOMPLISHING IT!
WELL SAID! THANKS TO YOU, A COLOSSAL CRIMINAL PLAN HAS GONE DOWN THE DRAIN!
YOU DESERVE A REWARD, A NICE BATH IN THE OCEAN!
?!
DON'T THANK ME! GOODBYE, SPOIL-SPORT!
AAARGH!


GULP! THE MEMORIES STOP HERE... I CAN'T REMEMBER ANY MORE!
YOU'VE GIVEN US VALUABLE INFORMATION, DD!
HOWEVER, THE CONCLUSION OF THE STORY WE CAN TELL YOU!
TALK, THEN! DON'T KEEP ME IN SUSPENSE!
THE IMPACT WITH THE WATER MADE YOU LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS! FORTUNE GAVE YOU A BIG HAND, BECAUSE...
"... A FISHING BOAT RESCUED YOU!"
THEN THE AGENCY MADE SURE TO RETRIEVE YOU!
BUT THEN... WHO PUSHED ME INTO THE ABYSS?


EEEEEH?!
IT WAS THE LEADER OF THE ORGANIZ-ATION!
NO ONE KNOWS WHO HE IS! YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE TO HAVE SEEN HIS FACE!
AND THAT'S WHY MY MISSION'S BEEN SHROUDED IN MYSTERY!
YEAH! UNABLE TO HAVE IT "EXTRACTED", WE WAITED FOR THE MEMORY TO SURFACE BY ITSELF...
... KEEPING YOU IN THE DARK OF EVERYTHING TO PRESERVE YOUR OWN SAFETY!
"SAFETY"?!
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THAT BIG SHOT IN THE AGENCY WHO WANTS TO GET RID OF ME? *
CORRECT! WE'RE IGNORANT OF HIS IDENTITY, BUT WE KNOW HE WORKS FOR THE ORGANIZATION!
* SEE "HUNTERS AND PREY"
"IT WAS HE WHO INFORMED THE BOSS, ALLOWING HIM TO REACH YOU AT THE ISLAND BEFORE US!"


NOW DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHY PRESERVING YOUR MEMORIES IS SO IMPORTANT?
Mr. HEAD
YES, BUT... HOW CAN I HELP YOU?
"THAT GUY'S FACE IS LIKE IT'S SHROUDED IN FOG!"
TRY AS I MIGHT, I CAN'T FOCUS ON IT!
THAT EXPLAINS THE RECURRING NIGHTMARE! THE SHOCK HAS ALTERED YOUR MNEMONIC PROCESS!
BUT THERE'S ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY THAT, SOONER OR LATER, THAT FACE RESURFACES!
IF, HOWEVER, YOU RESET YOUR MEMORY, IT WILL BE ERASED FOREVER...
... AND ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST DANGEROUS CRIMINALS MAY NEVER BE CAPTURED!

SO, DO YOU REALLY INTEND TO LEAVE THE AGENCY?
A PART OF ME WOULD LIKE TO THROW IN THE TOWEL!
I'M TIRED OF LYING, OF CONFRONTING DANGERS... I'M TIRED OF BEING AFRAID!
BUT GIVING IT ALL UP WOULD BE LIKE SURRENDERING TO THE VILLAINS WHO RUN THE WORLD FROM BEHIND THE SCENES...
... AND I HAVE NO INTENTION OF LETTING THEM KEEP DOING SO!
I'VE DECIDED! I'M STILL ONE OF YOU!
WE ARE PROUD OF YOU, AGENT DOUBLE-DUCK!
FINE